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SUMMARY. UNCTAD HAS RECEIVED FROM CIPEC REQUEST TO CONVENE IN GENEVA INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COPPER WEEK OF MARCH 22 AND IS SOLICITING REACTIONS OF NON-CIPEC COUNTRIES BEFORE ISSUING INVITATION. END SUMMARY.

1. UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HELD FEB. 3 INFORMAL MEETING OF SELECTED CONSUMER AND NON-CIPEC PRODUCERS TO PROPOSE CONVENING INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COPPER FOURTH WEEK IN MARCH. AT MEETING, UNCTAD SECRETARIAT (RIDLER OF COMMODITIES DIVISION) ANNOUNCED CIPEC HAS ASKED, IN A LETTER TO UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL COREA FROM CIPEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GUERONIK, FOR ASSISTANCE IN OPENING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN COPPER EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES. LETTER REQUESTS COREA INVITE MAJOR COPPER IMPORTING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS MAJOR NON-CIPEC EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PRELIMINARY SERIES OF INFORMAL TALKS CONVENED AND ORGANIZED BY UNCTAD IN GENEVA. AIM OF TALKS WOULD BE "TO ESTABLISH WHETHER SUFFICIENT SUPPORT EXISTED BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS IN THESE TALKS TO WORK TOWARD AN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STABILIZATION ARRANGEMENT FOR COPPER IN THE SPIRIT OF" THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE VIIIITH CIPEC CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS. GUERONIK ALSO ASKED COREA TO ENSURE THAT THIS PRELIMINARY MEETING DOES NOT PREJUDICE OR HAMPER ACTIVITIES IN CIEC COMMODITIES COMMISSION. (GUERONIK'S LETTER AND UNCTAD SECRETARIAT INFORMAL AIDE-MEMOIRE DISTRIBUTED AT MEETING; COPIES POUCHED WASHINGTON.)

2. CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED FOR WEEK COMMENCING 22 MARCH. ALTHOUGH SECRETARIAT AWARE OF MARCH 17-27 CIEC COMMODITIES COMMISSION MEETING, IT HOPES GOVERNMENTS ABLE STAFF BOTH MEETINGS. CIPEC'S PREFERRED MEETING DATE OF FIRST WEEK OF MARCH WAS CONSIDERED TOO EARLY BY SOME, AND LAST WEEK IN MARCH ONLY OTHER DATE UNCTAD COULD HOST MEETING BEFORE JUNE.

3. SECRETARIAT STRESSED THAT MEETING WOULD BE EXPLORATORY, INFORMAL AND WITHOUT COMMITMENT, AND WOULD LAST 3-4 DAYS. ABOUT A DOZEN PRODUCING AND A DOZEN CONSUMING COUNTRIES WOULD BE INVITED. ALTHOUGH NOT PRESENT AT FEB 3 MEETING, CHINA WOULD ALSO BE INVITED. SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT MEETING FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES WOULD BE LIMITED TO GOVERNMENTS HAVING A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION OR TRADE IN COPPER, ALTHOUGH IF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT INSISTED IT PROBABLY WOULD BE INCLUDED.

4. FOR DOCUMENTATION, SECRETARIAT CONSIDERING DISTRIBUTING SHORT FACTUAL PAPER THAT IT WOULD PREPARE AND PAPER PREPARED BY CIPEC REVIEWING PROBLEMS OF COPPER MARKET AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM.

5. SECRETARIAT AWAITING REACTION FROM GOVERNMENTS PRESENT AT MEETING TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN PROPOSED CONSULTATION BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER, BUT EXPECTS ISSUE INVITATIONS IN 2-3 WEEKS.

6. FRANCE AND CANADA GAVE STRONG SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS. US REP STRESSED THAT HE WAS UNINSTRUCTED ON PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SINGLED OUT COPPER AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A PRIORITY CANDIDATE FOR CREATION OF A FORUM FOR PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONSULTATION IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE U.N. SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION (75 STATE 287245). OTHER COUNTRY REPS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WERE UNINSTRUCTED, BUT REFERRED TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS' GENERAL POSITION ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUES.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS ON RESPONSE WE SHOULD GIVE SECRETARIAT REGARDING U.S. INTEREST IN PROPOSED MEETING AND COMMENTS ON ITS ORGANIZATION.DALE

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